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SHORTFALL IN AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has indicated that there would be an investment gap of Rs.100 crore towards airport development and upgradation during the 9th plan period in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the private participation has assisted to fill this gap;

(d) the present gap between traffic growth and infrastructure development in aviation sector in the country; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard in the 10th plan period ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

a), (b) and (c):- The draft Country Framework Report forprivate participation in Infrastructure as prepared by the World Bank sometime in June 1999 had projected that there would be an investment gap of Rs.1100 crores towards Airport Development and Upgradation during 9th Plan. Investment gap is expected to be covered through increased private sector participation through leasing of airports and increasing airport revenues. However, as the private participation in the management of airports is at nascent stage, it is difficult to indicate the extent to which this has assisted to meet the investment gap at this stage.

(d) and (e):- The present overall capacity in respect of passenger handling and other airport infrastructure is considered sufficient to meet the existing demand. However, the peak hour demand at Delhi, Chennai, Trivandrum, Goa and Guwahati airports has exceeded the capacity. Airports Authority of India has already initiated action to expand the capacity at these airports to meet the future traffic demand.